

HOUS GLEANINGS.
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Lands.
Came and Covenants—Bellis-
worth in Texas—New Order
—Now, Etc.

CHURCH NOTICES.

corner of Sixth and Throck-
morton, W. M. White,
preacher, All invited to attend
Services and strawberry festi-
val on Thursday evening,
at the young management of the young
men's society.

Methodist church, corner of Main and Third streets. A
service on Tuesday afternoon, April
10, at the church, at 7 P.M., by
Rev. J. R. Mitchell, pastor.
Services, 10 a.m. Easter
Sunday.

Methodist church, corner of Main and Third streets. A
service on Saturday morning, April
14, at the church, at 10 A.M., by
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windows of cathedral stained glass, and
the entrance is closed by massive double
doors of polished bronze fret-work.
Work on the structure will be completed in
about six weeks.

FAVORING A CHANGE.

With the approach of the Methodist
spring conference Zion's Herald grows
more urgent in pressing its suggestion
that the cast-iron rule of the itinerancy be
modified to admit of longer ministerial
terms. We are confident, it says, that
the time will come when our excellent
system, which is broad and elastic enough
to admit of this, will be strengthened and
brought more into harmony with the
necessities of the hour by permitting the
appointing power, at the request of the
conference, to extend the term. We do
not believe it advisable to have a definite
limit, with the exception of one year.
Every term should be but a year to be
extended at the discretion of the cabinet
or conference. If the term itself is defi-
nitely lengthened to five years every
preacher will feel that his reputation de-
pends upon his remaining through this
period. We have known several church-
men nearly ruined by the preacher in charge
remaining over a year. It would have
been better for him, and a thousandfold
better for the church, if he had quietly
left at the close of the first year. There
was a want of adaptation, although in
other charges the same pastor proved to
be an apostle.

WHITE CROSS.

A novel church organization with an
excellent purpose, but with a very clumsy
name, has been set on foot in Brooklyn
in connection with St. Luke's Episcopal
church. It is called the "Neaniskoi,"
which is a Greek word conveying the idea
of young men just budding into manhood.
The youths who compose this society are
pledged against profanity, intemperance
and impurity of life. They promise to
abstain from visiting places of evil resort
whatever grade, and they declare their
intention of extending, as far as means and
influence will permit, religious education
and culture among their associates.
Among the young ladies a society of
somewhat similar purpose has been or-
ganized, also bearing a clumsy Greek
title. This is called the "Ergatis,"
which means the lady workers.

THE ESSAY.

The New York Sabbath committee
offer prizes to be competed for by working
men and women, or traders and their
employers. A purse of \$100 for the best
essay on "Sunday and the Workingman,"
from five to ten thousand words, to be
written by a workingman or woman;
and a like prize for the best essay on "Sunday
Trading," to be written by a retail store
keeper or employee; a like prize for the
best essay on "Sunday Railway and
Steamboat Work," to be written by a
steamship or railway employee; a prize of
\$20 for the best essay, of from four to six
thousand words, on "The Sunday Liquor
Trade," to be written by a workingman
or woman, or by a liquor-dealer, or by
a member of a family of such, and a
like prize for the best essay on "Sunday
Amusements," to be written by a work-
man or by an employee of some place of
amusement.

JENKINSON'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL.
Stonewall Jackson, then a professor in
the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington,
just before the war organized a Sun-
day-school for colored children, which is
still in operation. This Sunday-school
has now set on foot a subscription for a
monument to Jackson, which is meeting
with a lively response among the people,
black and white, of the South.

TEXAS NEWS.

The Texas Observer, the Cumberland
Presbyterian paper at Mexia, has gone into
the hands of Rev. G. S. Groves, Bey.
W. B. Allen, retiring on account of ill
health.

The young men of Greenville have
organized a Young Men's Christian
association in that city, W. J. McAlamy,
president.

There has been a great revival going on
at the Baptist church near Denton, forty
persons having been baptized at one
time.

Lorenzo has had a similar experience.
The Methodist and Baptist churches
united, and held a three-weeks service,
which resulted in the conversion of
seventy-eight persons and a contribution
of \$1000 to build a church house for the
M. E. church, South.

NOTES.

The bible is to be printed in short
hand and illustrated.

One bible-house, which has been estab-
lished since 1714, has distributed no
fewer than 6,360,000 bibles.

The church-congress will meet in Cleve-
land May 25, and be presided over by
Gov. Foraker, who is a Methodist.

Three great grandsons of Charles Wesley
are now clergymen of the Church of
England.

Trinity Episcopal church, New Haven,
Conn., has had four rectors in one hun-
dred and eighteen years.

The colored preachers of Jackson,
Miss., "boycotted" Moody and Sankey
and kept their members from attending
"special services held for the colored
people."

There is a hopeful movement among
the colored Presbyterians in the South,
looking toward self-support. Some of the
churches are now ready to assume the
support of their pastors.

The expenditures of Bishop Taylor's
mission to Africa last year amounted to
\$28,626, and there is a balance of over
sixteen thousand dollars on hand. Bishop
Taylor goes on the faith principle for his
funds, and so far seems to have been
amply provided.

Pastor Schneller of Bethelhem now
preaches regularly at Hebron, the ancient
city where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
were buried. The gospel has not been
preached there since 1177, when the city
fell into the hands of Saladin.

Pastor authorities have ordered the
name of the Deity expanded from all
school-books used in that city. At Bir-
mingham (the English) one school
board has decided that to teach children
hymns is to teach them religion, and has
ordered that hereafter no hymns shall be
taught in the schools under its super-
vision, except "God Save the Queen."

YOLD PROPHETY.

It has unsealed an old proph-
etical manuscript of a decidedly un-
natural nature, writes a Rome
correspondent. It appears in the
London Globe.

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of Treveri, in Germany, and
of the church of the Holy Sepulchre in
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